

**BALDWIN COUNTY**  
**HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 21, 2022**  
**BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA**  
*Virtual Meeting Via WebEx*

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present (Via WebEx) Danon Smith (BCEMA/HMPC Secretary), Karen Giordano, Michelle Pennington, Amanda Thweatt, Tom Tyler, and Malik Woodard (BCEMA), Josh Newman (City of Daphne), Nicole Woerner (City of Orange Beach) Erik Cortinas (City of Fairhope), Daphne Utilities, Tiffany Lynn (Town of Summerdale), and Heather Moorner.

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Danon Smith called the meeting to order at 09:04am. Brandan Franklin was absent.

**OPENING COMMENTS**

Danon Smith gave opening remarks and welcomed all present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Danon Smith opened the meeting with Approval of Minutes from the previous HMPC Full Body Meeting. The Minutes were dated January 13, 2022.

Motion was made by Michelle Pennington and seconded by Erik Cortinas.

Ayes: 12

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*Motion passed.*

Danon Smith gave an update on DR-4503 HMGP. Danon stated that she had recently spoken with Michael Johnson (AEMA) and that a deadline date for applications to be submitted to AEMA had went out in a typo error recently to a consultant for a local jurisdiction. The consultant was given this erroneous deadline date, but it was clarified that the deadline date still stands as May 5<sup>th</sup>. Danon also stated that this Grant will allow RFI's, which is a huge advantage. Danon encouraged everyone to proceed with their applications and to meet the deadline.

Danon also discussed the maintenance of the Regional Plan and stated that if any city or jurisdiction identifies a new project, then an update of the plan must be facilitated in order to benefit from FEMA Mitigation and Grant opportunities and discussed the importance of maintaining the Regional Plan and the funding opportunities available as a result of the plan to participating cities and jurisdictions.

**Replacement of Executive Committee Members of HMPC – Vote:** Danon addressed that there had been one nomination submitted for Rachel Keith's (Vice-Chair) position – Ricky Rider (City of Foley). There were no nominations from the floor. All present voted to elect Ricky Rider as the new Vice Chair. There were no opposing votes.

There were several nominations submitted for Lannie Smith's (Member-at-Large) position – David Wilson, Ricky Rider, Joshua Newman, Nicole Woerner, Mike Minchew, and Tiffany Lynn.

The final vote elected Josh Newman as Member-at-Large. Both positions will serve terms until October 2026.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Danon announced that there would be an announcement of a new Planning and Grants Division Manager for Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency at the next meeting. Danon stated that she had taken a new position as Emergency Management Officer but would continue to assist those who need help with DR-4503 applications and would continue to be active in the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee for the moment.

Questions were brought on the floor by Nicole Woerner concerning if there were any current Elevation Grant opportunities open other than DR-4503, to which Danon responded no, there are none at the moment. Nicole also asked the question of if a Subdivision – HOA can apply for a seawall elevation through FEMA Grant funding, to which Danon responded, no, an HOA or POA can't apply for seawall elevation Grant funding but will research eligibility of the project type itself and report her findings.

The next meeting date was announced to be July 21, 2022. The meeting will be an in-person meeting and will be held in the upstairs training room of the EOC. Members will receive reminder email notifications prior to the meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Michelle Pennington

Second: Erik Cortinas

Ayes: 12

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*Motion Passed*

Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

Minutes for this meeting approved during the July 21, 2022, meeting of the Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.



Brandon Franklin, Chairperson - Baldwin County HMPC

8/9/22  
Date